The Expert Group recommended:

Development of a detailed tectonic model of the region to overcome the present limitations of data and understanding of the assumptions made.

Setting up of a seismic monitoring network.

Opening of branches of Banks in Bhiwani

28. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new branches of nationalised banks are proposed to be opened in Bhiwani (Haryana); and

(b) if so, what are the names of the nationalised banks whose branches are proposed to be opened and the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90, two licences for opening branches at urban centre Bhiwani of Haryana, have been issued. The details are set out below:

Name of the locality	Name of the allottee bank
Vikas Nagar	State Bank of Patiala.
Loharu Road	Union Bank of India.

Applications from freedom fighters of Hyderabad Freedom Movement for pension

29. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several applications from freedom fighters of Hyderabad Freedom Movement are pending under consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of applications approved, the number of applications under consideration and the number of applications rejected along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when all the applications will be finally approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) There are 3 categories of freedom fighters who participated in the Hyderabad Freedom Movement, namely:—

(i) the general category of freedom fighters who had participated while staying within the erstwhile Hyderabad State;

(ii) those who participated in the merger movement and suffered abscondence or internment/externment but were unable to produce evidence and those who participated in the Camps set up on the borders of the erstwhile Hyderabad State during the merger movement; and

(iii) those who had participated in the Arya Samaj Movement of 1938-39.

As regards category (i), it is not possible to give the figures of the number of applications received and sanctioned in respect of erstwhile Hyderabad State because district-wise figures are not maintained and parts of the erstwhile Nizam State of Hyderabad have since been merged into the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra as a result of Re-organisation of States.

As for category (ii), about 19,000 applications were received and the Non-Official Hyderabad Special Screening Committee set up for scrutinising such claims have recommended grant of pension in about 6,550 cases while rejecting the remaining cases as the claims of participants were not found credible by the Committee.

As regards category (iii), 1487 applications were received in time, out of which 661 applications have been rejected, while pension has so far been sanctioned in 42 cases. A Non-officials Committee has been set up to scrutinise cases pertaining to the Arya Samaj Movement.

Recommendations by non-Congress Chief Ministers on terms of reference for the ninth Finance Commission

30. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-Congress Chief Ministers at a meeting held in Bangalore on the 11th January, 1988, had recommended to the Government of India new terms of reference for the 9th Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There were press reports about the deleberations in the meeting of non-Congress(I) Chief Ministers held in Bangalore on 11th January, 1988. Subsequently, on 30th January, 1988, the non-Congress(I) Chief Ministers met the Prime Minister and handed over to him a memorandum including an alternative terms of reference for the Ninth Finance Commission. The Memorandum *inter-alia* suggested change in the terms of reference to Finance Commission dealing with normative approach to expenditure, consideration of all revenue expenditure, including plan expenditure, Additional Duties of Excise on Goods of special importance, grants in lieu of tax on railway passenger fares, debt position of States and relief expenditure.

As indicated by the Prime Minister in the meetings, this was referred to the Ninth Finance Commission. The Commission have sent their comments. These are being considered.

Violence by GNLF Activists

31. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the past few months the GNLF activists have resorted to violence, arson and killings to press Gorkhaland demand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated loss of life and property so far and also the number of CRPF jawans killed; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Central Government to contain the unlawful and violent activities of the GNLF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production, Export and Import of raw silk

32. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of raw silk in the country during the last three years;

(b) what was the quantum of raw silk export during these years alongwith the names of countries to which it was exported and also the quantum of foreign exchange earnings on this account during the above period; and